



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Violet Varona-Lukens, Executive Officer
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
Los Angeles, California 90012

At its meeting held April 15, 2003, the Board took the following action:

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Supervisor Antonovich made the following statement:

“According to the Los Angeles City Attorney’s Child Abuse Unit, young children are abusively being prevented from attending school for long periods of time by adults in charge of their care. Currently, there is no effective mechanism in California to protect these children’s rights to receive an education.

“Senate Bill 950 has been introduced by Senator Richard Alarcon to increase the tools available to ensure that all children in California are attending school by granting the juvenile court authority over these children and the power to order a wide variety of appropriate remedies to protect each child’s fundamental right to receive an education.”

Therefore, Supervisor Antonovich made a motion that the Board take the following actions:

1. Go on record in support of SB 950 (Alarcon), legislation which would increase the tools available to ensure that all children in California are attending school by granting the juvenile court authority over children who are being prevented from attending school for long periods of time by adults in charge of their care, and the power to order a wide variety of appropriate remedies to protect each child's fundamental right to receive an education; and

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2. Instruct the Executive Officer of the Board to send a five-signature letter to Governor Davis, Senator Alarcon and the Los Angeles County Legislative Delegation expressing the Board's support of SB 950.

Supervisor Molina made a suggestion that Supervisor Antonovich's motion be amended to support SB 950 if amended to appropriate full State funding. Supervisor Antonovich accepted Supervisor Molina's amendment.

Supervisor Antonovich's motion, as amended, seconded by Supervisor Molina, was unanimously carried (Supervisors Knabe and Burke being absent).

Later in the meeting, on motion of Supervisor Antonovich, seconded by Supervisor Molina, unanimously carried (Supervisors Knabe and Burke being absent), the Board reconsidered the foregoing motion.

David Saunders, Director of Children and Family Services and Warren Williams representing the Foundation to End Institutional Abuse addressed the Board.

After discussion, on motion of Supervisor Yaroslavsky, seconded by Supervisor Molina, unanimously carried (Supervisors Knabe and Burke being absent), the Board took the following actions:

1. Continued two weeks to April 29, 2003 Supervisor Antonovich's recommendation to support SB 950 (Alarcon); and to send a five-signature letter to Governor Davis, Senator Alarcon and the Los Angeles County Legislative Delegation expressing the Board's support of SB 950; and

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2. Instructed the Director of Children and Family Services to report back to the Board on the Department's position regarding SB 950.

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Copies distributed:

- Each Supervisor
- Chief Administrative Officer
- County Counsel

April 16, 2003

The Honorable Gray Davis
Governor of California
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Governor Davis:

At our meeting held April 15, 2003, on recommendation of Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich, we went on record in support of SB 950 (Alarcon), legislation which would increase the tools available to ensure that all children in California are attending school.

According to the Los Angeles City Attorney's Child Abuse Unit, young children are abusively being prevented from attending school for long periods of time by adults in charge of their care. Currently, there is no effective mechanism in California to protect these children's rights to receive an education.

Senate Bill 950 has been introduced by Senator Richard Alarcon to increase the tools available to ensure that all children in California are attending school by granting the juvenile court authority over these children and the power to order a wide variety of appropriate remedies to protect each child's fundamental right to receive an education.

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Therefore, we support SB 950 as an important step in protecting the rights of every child in California to receive an education, and we respectfully request that you sign this bill when it reaches your desk.

Very truly yours,

YVONNE BRATHWAITE BURKE
CHAIR
SUPERVISOR, 2ND DISTRICT

GLORIA MOLINA
SUPERVISOR, 1ST DISTRICT

ZEV YAROSLAVSKY
SUPERVISOR, 3RD DISTRICT

DON KNABE
SUPERVISOR, 4TH DISTRICT

MICHAEL D. ANTONOVICH
SUPERVISOR, 5TH DISTRICT

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April 16, 2003

The Honorable Richard Alarcon
Senator
California State Senate
Post Office Box 942848
Sacramento, CA 94248-001

Dear Senator Alarcon:

At our meeting held April 15, 2003, on recommendation of Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich, we went on record in support of SB 950, legislation which you authored, relating to each child's fundamental right to receive an education.

Very truly yours,

YVONNE BRATHWAITE BURKE
CHAIR
SUPERVISOR, 2ND DISTRICT

GLORIA MOLINA
SUPERVISOR, 1ST DISTRICT

ZEV YAROSLAVSKY
SUPERVISOR, 3RD DISTRICT

DON KNABE
SUPERVISOR, 4TH DISTRICT

MICHAEL D. ANTONOVICH
SUPERVISOR, 5TH DISTRICT

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April 16, 2003

The Honorable Rudy Bermudez
Assemblyman
California State Assembly
Post Office Box 942849
Sacramento, CA 94249-0001

Dear Assemblyman Bermudez:

At our meeting held April 15, 2003, on recommendation of Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich, we went on record in support of SB 950 (Alarcon), legislation which would increase the tools available to ensure that all children in California are attending school.

According to the Los Angeles City Attorney's Child Abuse Unit, young children are abusively being prevented from attending school for long periods of time by adults in charge of their care. Currently, there is no effective mechanism in California to protect these children's rights to receive an education.

Senate Bill 950 has been introduced by Senator Richard Alarcon to increase the tools available to ensure that all children in California are attending school by granting the juvenile court authority over these children and the power to order a wide variety of appropriate remedies to protect each child's fundamental right to receive an education.

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Therefore, we support SB 950 and request your support for this important legislation.

Very truly yours,

YVONNE BRATHWAITE BURKE
CHAIR
SUPERVISOR, 2ND DISTRICT

GLORIA MOLINA
SUPERVISOR, 1ST DISTRICT

ZEV YAROSLAVSKY
SUPERVISOR, 3RD DISTRICT

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April 16, 2003

TO: Supervisor Yvonne Brathwaite Burke, Chair
Supervisor Gloria Molina
Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky
Supervisor Don Knabe
Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich

FROM: Violet Varona-Lukens
Executive Officer

SUBJECT: FIVE-SIGNATURE LETTERS

As instructed by your Board, enclosed are five-signature letters to Governor Davis, Senator Alarcon and the Los Angeles County Legislative Delegation expressing the Board's support of SB 950.

Your earliest attention to this matter would be appreciated. Please have your Secretary contact Linda Ambrad in the Minutes/Communications Section at extension 4-1444, for circulation to the next Board Office.

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Enclosures